

**Introductory Remarks**

Although section 4, item "C" in the notice of non-compliant amendment was checked as being the cause of non-compliance, all of the status identifiers appear to have the proper status identifier as specified in the Amendment Practice - IFW Final Rule. However, Applicant noticed that although withdrawn claims 6-30 were presented with a proper status identifier, the text for the withdrawn claims was not included in the amendment. This response corrects this. Applicant appreciated the opportunity to speak with the Office (Ms. C. Kelly) on 01/28/04 to confirm sufficiency of previous status identifiers, the need to provide withdrawn claim text, and adequacy of this resulting response. In view of this, Applicant trusts that the amendment will be compliant.

Respectfully Submitted,

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